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SUBJ: CHILE AS COSPONSOR OF SECOND COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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1 . IT WAS REPORTED IN REFTTEL THAT CHILE WAS REMOVED AS COSPONSOR OF RES 1370 RE DESERTIFICATION. CHILE REP CORREA PROTESTED THIS ACTION IN A STATEMENT IN SECOND COMITE FRIDAY, NOV 22. ON THAT OCCASION THE MATTER WAS REFERRED TO THE UN LEGAL ADVSIOR.

2. OVER THE WEEKEND THE US DEL IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH MR. DIALLO, REP OF UPPER VOLTA AND PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE FOR THE RES, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AWKWARD SITUATION COULD BE RESOLVED. DIALLO REPORTED THAT THE SITUATION HAD ARISEN BECAUSE CERTAIN DELS HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO AVOID BEING CO-SPONSORS OF RESES WHICH WERE COSPONSORED BY CHILE. HE SAID FURTHER THAT HE HAD AGREED TO DROP CHILE FROM THE LIST OF COSPONSORS ON A REVISED VERSION OF THE TEXT DUE TO:

A. THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE STATES HE WISHED TO COSPONSOR THE RES HAD EXPRESSED THEIR UNWELLINGNESS TO DO SO IF CHILE REMAINED;

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B. THE FACT THAT CHILE HAD TOLD THE SECT AND NOT THE CO-SPONSORS THAT IT WISHED TO COSPONSOR THE RES; AND

C. THE ACCEPTED PRACTICE IN THE UN THAT THE ORIGINAL CO-SPONSORS OF A RES HAD THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS.

3. ON MONDAY, NOV 25, SECRETARY CORDOVEZ (ECUADOR) ANNOUNCED THAT THE LEGAL OFFICE, REFERRING TO CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE RATIONALIZATION OF THE PROCEDURES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HAD ADVISED THAT "THE SPONSORS OF A PROPOSAL DECIDE WHETHER OTHER DELS CAN BECOME CO-SPONSORS." IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTION IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE COSPONSORS OF THE SECOND COMITE RES HAD DECIDED TO INCLUDE THE NAME OF CHILE AS A COSPONSOR ON RES 1370/REV.1 AND THAT THE LIST OF COSPONSORS WOULD REFLECT THAT FACT WHEN THE RES IS TAKEN UP IN PLENARY.

4. USUN UNDERSTANDS THAT MR. CORDOVEZ INFORMALLY APPROACHED DIALLO AND SUGGESTED THAT AN ACCOMMODATION BE FOUND TO ALLOW CHILE TO APPEAR AS COSPONSOR. DIALLO SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED.

5. COMMENT: THIS SAME TYPE OF MANEUVER TO REMOVE THE NAME OF CHILE FROM A RES HAS OCCURRED IN VARIOUS COMITES OF THE UN INCLUDING COMITES 3, 5 AND 6. THIS LEADS USUN TO BELIEVE THAT DIALLO'S REMARK REGARDING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF SOME DELS TO THE 29TH UNGA RE SHARING THE COSPONSORSHIP MASTERED WITH CHILE TO BE TRUE.
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